

**FULTON CHAIN OF LAKES ASSOCIATION, INC.**  
**ANNUAL MEETING - AUGUST 6, 2010**  
**INLET TOWN HALL**

The annual meeting of the Fulton Chain of Lakes Association, Inc. was held August 6, 2010 at the Inlet Town Hall. President Don Kelly called the meeting to order at 7:40 PM.

Motion by Tom Vawter and second by Margaret Murphy to waive the reading of the minutes from the 2009 meeting. Motion by Ron Smith and second by Ed Stafford to approve the minutes as written. Passed.

Phyllis Sanzone presented the treasurer's report and noted that we have not yet received the bill for the \$4,000 aquatic plant survey done by the Adirondack Watershed Institute of Paul Smiths College. We also have not made any contribution toward the salary of the water tester for the Town of Webb. Motion by Janet Blakeman and second by Heater Stafford to accept the report. Passed.

Don introduced Inlet Town Supervisor John Frey who expressed appreciation for the continued support of the FCLA toward the milfoil control project. The Town of Inlet foots the bills until the money comes back from the state for the grants that fund the project. It is a good example of the Towns of Webb and Inlet working together, as well as the FCLA and the Sixth and Seventh Lake Association. Paul Smiths Aquatic Institute handles payments on the project.

Committee Reports. Tom McCabe reported that the 2010 class of directors, namely Phil Sanzone, Heather Stafford, Bill Landmesser, Connie Schreppel, and Margaret Murphy, will all remain as members of the class or 2013. Jim Murphy will be moving up to president and Don Kelly will be a director in the class of 2012.

Tom expressed appreciation to Don for his two terms as president, and announced that the FCLA service award will be presented to Don at the August board meeting.

John Frey then gave a brief overview of the status of the Inlet hamlet sewer system project. It is now fully funded, with 84% of the cost through grants. Plant design is continuing, and includes generators for back-up power and double reactors at the plant. The effluent will be treated to state standards and discharged well out into Fourth Lake.

Don Kelly announced that the FCLA has partnered with New York State in the "Adopt a Natural Resource Program" to work on restoration of Skull Island. We will be the stewards of the plan and DEC will run interference with DEC and the APA. DEC will provide signs to mark the areas being restored, and they will also do some erosion control measures on the edges of the island this fall (sinking logs at the edges). The first work session will be Saturday, August 14 at 10 AM.

Tom McCabe noted that long time director (now emeritus) Janet Blakeman was in attendance. He also noted that Marge Bonnet, the first historian for FCLA was also at the meeting and that she reported she has attended every annual meeting of the organization. He also wanted to acknowledge the long service of Bob Wheeler, who has resigned from the board due to a move out of the area.

Don then introduced Ron Smith. He first reported on the aquatic plant survey that is being conducted by the Adirondack Watershed Institute of Paul Smiths College. Their final report has not been received, but it will be a mapping of the aquatic plant beds on the entire chain from Old Forge to Seventh Lake.

Ron then discussed the Eurasian milfoil removal/control project that he has been involved with from when the plants were first discovered in Fifth Lake in 2005. The 2006 grant was for three years for removal in Fifth-Seventh Lakes. To illustrate the effectiveness of the program, in 2006, 60-70 bags of milfoil were hand harvested in Fifth Lake; in 2007, there were only 1 ½ bags; and in 2010 only 40 plants were found. The grants provided about \$38,000 per year toward the removal costs. This is the third year of the second grant for Upper Seventh Lake, which is much more difficult to harvest, and may be where the plants further down the chain originated. In the first year 1,600 bags were removed from that area, more than three times the amount in three years from Fifth, Sixth, and lower Seventh. Fragments from the plants go with the

wind, not the current, so they tend to stay in Upper Seventh, especially on the left side of the channel into Eighth Lake. They are trying to quantify what it will cost to maintain the progress that has been made in that area. The challenge will be for the towns to continue to support efforts for control without the state grants.

It was suggested that we might want to consider stewards to volunteer to check boats at marinas and boat ramps to educate the public about the need to clean off their boats and trailers when they move from one lake to another to prevent bringing invasive plants to new areas.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 PM on motion of Ed Stafford and second by Tom Vawter.

Light refreshments were served after the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,  
Phyllis Sanzone  
FCLA Secretary